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CIVIC TRAITORS.

The Court of Appeals having denied a new trial to John M. King, former Alderman from Jefferson Ward, who was convicted of bribe-taking in office, Mr. King will now have to serve out his sentence—a fine of \$100 and twelve months in jail.

We would not strike a man when he is down, and we would not say anything to add to the suffering of this man, who was elected by his constituency to a position of honor and betrayed his trust without committing to Mr. King's example as a warning to all public officials. A public official carries with it a grave responsibility. A public official is a public servant, the trusted agent of the people, and he must in honor be faithful and loyal as a soldier in battle. It is as much the act of a traitor for a public official to sell his vote or influence as it is for a soldier to sell out to the enemy, and all right-minded citizens so regard it. But in this case of practical politics too many people seem to think that it is not so bad after all for a member of Congress, or a member of the Legislature, or a member of a City Council to receive pay for "services rendered" to some man or corporation that asks for a favorable enactment. Several years ago a member of the Virginia Legislature told a friend that he did not hesitate to accept a "fee" from a corporation for looking after some bill which the corporation wanted passed. He saw no harm in accepting money for such "services," feeling that he would, in any event, have supported the bill!

It was a terrible confession for any man to make, yet there are doubtless many like him, and we suppose that Alderman King justified his dealings with the Richmond contractors upon some such plea.

But it is a plea that is as false and vicious as sin. In most cases the government pays an officeholder a certain wage for his services, in which case his services belong entirely to the government, and it is dishonest and disloyal and traitorous for him to dicker with those who are seeking the favors of government, and accept pay for the service he renders them. In the case of a City Councillman, however, there is no salary. It is a position of honor, pure and simple, and men who accept the position understand that they are to receive no pay. If they are unwilling to work without pay, they should never accept the office. It is monstrous for men to take a position of honor and then barter away the honor for filthy money.

God save the nation and the State of Virginia and the city of Richmond from these civic traitors.

HOW LONG?

There was another outbreak of lawlessness in this city on Thursday night. Cars were stoned, conductors and motormen were shot at, and, worse than all, a fiendish attempt was made to wreck a car with dynamite. There were men and women and children on the car, and it was no fault of the dynamiters that all were not blown to pieces. It was evidently the intention of the dynamiters to destroy the car and all persons on the car, not only the motorman and conductor, but the passengers as well. Indeed, it is a wonder that they did not succeed in the attempt.

If these outrages had been committed in ordinary times there would have been a howl of indignation from one end of the city to the other, and we believe that the perpetrators of the deed would have been captured. If they are not captured, it will be a reflection upon the police and upon the entire city government. Every effort must be made to apprehend the miscreants and bring them to justice, and it is the duty of every law-abiding citizen, of every brave and chivalrous man in the community, to aid in the work of capture.

We said the other day in commenting upon similar outrages that the city government was on trial. The city government is still on trial, and many citizens are fast arriving at the conclusion that it is found wanting. How long shall we wait before the soldiers are recalled? Shall it be until a car filled with passengers has been blown to atoms, and fifty men, women and children destroyed?

STILL AT IT.

Another pension grab seems to be planned for the coming session of Congress—one that the Albemarle Gazette says will add something like \$50,000,000 to the pension list. The Grand Army of the Republic, whose encampment will be held

soon in San Francisco, will be asked to give the scheme its support and to lobby the bill through Congress. It provides for the payment of \$12 a month to all men or the widows of men who served the Union ninety days or more in "the Civil War," and were honorably discharged.

The basis of this new claim is that pensions of \$3 per month have been granted to all survivors of the Mexican War and the war of 1812, or to the widows of those soldiers. And the increase of \$1 per month for Civil War veterans will be urged, it is said, upon the ground that it only puts them upon the footing of veterans of previous wars.

THE PRIMARY.

At a recent meeting of the City Democratic Committee the question was raised as to who should be allowed to vote in the forthcoming primary, some claiming that the primary should be held under the old registration, and others that it should be held under the new. The members of the committee seem to have overlooked the fact that the new Constitution provides that "no person shall vote at any legalized primary election for office unless he is at the time registered and qualified to vote at the next succeeding election."

The attention of the committee was called to this provision, and as the committee had no thought of holding other than a legalized primary, at the meeting last night it was decided, of course, to admit only registered Democrats.

But whether there had been any such constitutional inhibition or not, it would have been a blunder for the party in Richmond to allow others than registered voters to participate in the primary, and we are gratified that the committee has decided to hold a legalized primary, which must conform to the constitutional requirement.

We are also gratified to know that the primary will not be held until after the next registration. It was stated in our news columns yesterday by our Leesburg correspondent that to make ready for the holding of the Democratic primaries on August 23rd, the registration boards of Loudoun have published dates for holding the second registration under the new Constitution, so that the registration in all districts will close on or before August 27th. Richmond has done well to pursue the same course.

Last year many people did not understand the registration law, and some who were entirely eligible failed to go up and register, because they feared that they would either be rejected or greatly embarrassed. They understand better now, and doubtless most of the Democrats who failed to get on the list last year will take advantage of the registration this year to qualify themselves. The registration this year will be held upon exactly the same terms as the registration last year, and those who register will get their names on the permanent list. Those who fail to register will only have themselves to blame, and cannot reasonably complain if they are excluded from participation in the primary. But every Democrat should register and vote. It is a duty he owes to himself, his party and his State.

IS THE HUMAN RACE DOOMED?

According to T. A. Cogan, the government statistician of New South Wales, the birth rate in all the Australian States has greatly declined, especially in the last fifteen years, and is now less than that of any European country except France.

The average birth rate is somewhere between twenty-five and thirty, whereas the rate in France is twenty-two per thousand. In New South Wales the children under five years of age are actually less in number, according to Mr. Cogan, than they were ten years ago, while in some States there are fewer under ten years than in 1891.

Recently President Roosevelt startled the country with his dissertation on "race suicide," and it is a question for serious consideration. As civilization advances the birth rate seems to become lower and lower, but in new countries the birth rate is usually higher than in the older countries, where the lands are pretty well occupied. But even in Australia, a comparatively new country, the birth rate is significantly small.

Perhaps this is nature's own way of preventing the world from being overrun with inhabitants. Perhaps the power to reproduce in the human race will grow less and less as civilization advances, and perhaps this will be the Creator's way of destroying the people of the earth, rather than by a final conflagration.

PATTI'S FAREWELL.

Baltimore is going to have an evening with Adelina Patti next November, and will pay \$12,500 and more for the privilege. The Diva will make another farewell tour in the United States, giving sixty concerts in all for the pitiful sum of \$375,000 net.

She will sail for New York on October 21st, and will appear first at Carnegie Hall on November 2d. Her friends declare that she is looking as young as ever, and that her voice is still worth the price of admission.

Adelina Patti was born at Madrid on Feb. 19, 1843, and is now a little past sixty years of age. She was brought to America when a child by her parents, both of whom were singers, and first appeared in New York in 1859, appearing in London two years later. Until the past few years she has sung continuously, and was easily the most popular singer of the nineteenth century. She has been three times married, her first husband being Marquis de Caux, to whom she was married in 1868. Her next husband was M. Nicolini, the marriage taking place in 1886, and in 1899 she was married to Baron Cedarstrom. If at the age of sixty she retains all the sweetness of her voice, she is indeed a wonder and well worth hearing.

C. C. McClary, cashier of the First National Bank of Louisville, Ky., who has just returned home from a trip to New York, is quoted as saying that the banks of New York are in the strongest possible financial condition. He is of the opinion that the slump in the stock market has not had the least effect on the

bankers and he believes they have a feeling of absolute security. "The drop was caused by a fight among some of the big men in Wall Street, which resulted in an unprecedented selling movement," and Mr. McClary adds:

The banks when the decline began stopped making loans on any but the most gilt-edged collateral, and have eliminated from their list of securities every one of a doubtful character. This caused a large number of the second class securities to be thrown on the market. The gilt-edged ones suffered in consequence. The little banks did the same thing, as usual, and it is to-day impossible to borrow on anything but the best of collateral.

"Banks in New York believe that underlying conditions are sound, and now that the atmosphere has been cleared the market will show a steady improvement."

Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, has appointed a native Hawaiian as a cadet at Annapolis. No one seems to know his color precisely. He may be of a deep brown, or light brown, or he may be white nearly. So whether there is any basis for raising the color line is not yet known.

The only negro graduate from West Point now in the army is Charles Young, who was born in Kentucky and appointed from Ohio. During the war with Spain he was given the volunteer rank of major and was placed in command of a battalion of colored volunteers. In time he will be promoted to a colonelcy, and, according to the Baltimore Herald, he will then be entitled to command a regiment, and "there is no way the department could arrange matters so that Colonel Young would not be in charge of white officers, provided he is continued as a field officer."

Martin Ebel's murder of his wife in one of the suburbs of New York is one of the latest sensations of that city. The crime was revolting, and great ingenuity was shown by the murderer in concealing evidence of his deed; but he failed at the critical point. He selected the spot for the murder and the place where the body was to be hidden, and then enticed his wife to go out there with him, and he had no trouble in strangling her to death. He then concealed the body in the broken part of a big sewer. Right there was his great blunder. In a few days boys playing in that sewer found the body and reported it to the police, with the result that the husband was arrested and now is in a fair way to pay the death penalty.

Boys are great aids to coroners and the police. Little escapes their vigilant observation.

The South Boston Times is no more. It has been purchased by the Wood Publishing Company, its name changed and now we have the Halifax Record in its place, and a sprightly paper it is.

When Cuba puts down that uprising in her eastern border and borrows \$35,000,000 in Europe without getting Uncle Sam to go her security we will begin to believe Cuban independence has come to stay.

Somebody is going to make a good thing out of the coming struggle for social supremacy between the Vanderbilts and the Belmonts, the florists and the super-builders, for instance.

The best time so far made by the yachts for thirty miles is: Reliance, 2:55:20; Shamrock III, 2:59:20. It's your own money. Bet it as you wish.

The would-be suicide who decided to postpone the funeral until after the watermelon season is over has the hard horse sense of a Hanover county darkey.

Borelli's comet was afraid to get into the bowl of the big dipper. Unlike some men we know of the comet knows when it has taken on enough.

The cares of official life came to Charles Emory Smith long after the emoluments ceased to show up.

Missouri seems to be hauling out more than her just share of presidential saw logs.

The scientists are telling us that the coming man will be toothless. We suppose he will when he is born.

And now Hawaii wants Uncle Sam to furnish her a cargo or two of independence of the Cuban brand. Well, why not?

Something must be done for Wise county. It is getting up too much of a Breathitt reputation.

Alas! poor Illinois. A race riot and a Ben Tihman lecture course within her borders came all in the same month.

We enter upon the last month of the almanac summer, but the heat will be with us some time yet.

Pope Leo, Admiral Dewey and Richmond Pearson Hobson have been often photographed than any men of the age.

The Manchurian affair is the boss Chinese puzzle of the century.

With a Comment or Two.

Those farmers in Virginia, two months ago, were as blue as indigo, are smiling at their own surprise over the outcome of the wheat crop and the glorious outlook for the future. And other good things.—Times-Dispatch.

And isn't it pleasant to behold the change? We all rejoice at their surprise, too.

The reason that many Virginia towns have such a wretched street-car service is that they are too small to support an electric line, and too big to walk.—Newport News Press.

We do not refer to Newport News or Portsmouth, we hope.

Tax-payers in Virginia may grumble at those lawless people in Richmond and vicinity who have made this call necessary, but surely they cannot grumble at the city and State authorities for granting it.—Times-Dispatch. The only complaints heard hereabouts are as to the cause which made the call necessary. The people do not mind the taxes near so much as they do the stigma that is cast upon them by such lawless acts, which, as we have previously stated, do not belong to this section of the Union.—Blackstone Courier.

Why not have a letter-carriers' union and a bookbinders' union as well as a bookbinders' union to dictate to the government when a man shall be employed and when he shall be discharged?—Petersburg Index-Appel.

Because the postal clerks and letter-carriers and most other men are always ready, willing and anxious to do Uncle Sam's business on Uncle Sam's terms.

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Norfolk Ledger says: The Charlotte Observer's suggestion of General Ransom as a running mate for Cleveland will at least please the sage of Princeton from a personal point of view, as he is very fond of the distinguished Carolinian—so much so that he neglected the general to ride in the presidential carriage at one of his inaugurations.

The Roanoke News has this say: As the Torrens system is being more widely studied its merits are gaining in recognition, and in every instance of its application the experiment is producing most admirable results. The agitation in question in Virginia should not be permitted to subside until the desired legislation is furnished.

The Warrenton Virginian looks at it this way: The military on duty in Richmond during the strike cost the State of Virginia fifty thousand dollars. As the strikes must always take place in the cities the drain on the country to keep them down will be considerable. Yet, we believe the law to be just and fair. For it is to the interests of the country districts to have the city people at work and bring provisions, and not in idleness on half rations.

In replying to the faddoodle of an one-horse backwood, weekly the Fredericksburg Star says: In other words you desire a journal which will accept everything the Democratic party does as right and criticize nothing. That kind of journalism, be it Democratic or Republican, is fast passing away in this country, and there are few tears being shed in the passing.

Don't know just what it is, but we are for the bug law, for the Winchester News says: The bug law is a good law and a just law. It protects every farmer who has an orchard in the State of Virginia.

Personal and General.

Major W. H. Hamner, the soldier who pulled Old Glory from the flagstaff at Fort Sumter, has just taken up his residence in Los Angeles, Cal.

Jacob S. Johnson, of Fairhaven, Mass., is the only surviving member of Peary's famous expedition to Japan, which opened the ports of that country to foreigners.

Dr. W. P. Horton, a dentist, of Cleveland, O., has made a complete record of the teeth of the "tooth-pullers" from four hundred years ago up to the present time.

Prof. Waldo S. Pratt, musical doctor of Hartford Theological Seminary, has traveled through every State in New York, publisher of music to write a history of music.

A Baptist clergyman, Rev. Alonzo A. Davis, of Sunderland, Mass., has made a study of the weather for sixty years, and has traveled thousands of miles in his missionary work.

A monument of light granite, which will be placed on the grave of Rear-Admiral Sampson at the National Cemetery at Washington, has just been completed by East Art Co., of Northfield, N. H., and shipped to Washington.

A Few Foreign Facts.

Dr. Carl Peters, who is called the Cecil Rhodes of Germany, is now in London, preparing to set forth on another journey to East Africa, in the neighborhood of the Zambesi.

The Belgians are great pigeon breeders, and one of the choicest birds of this kind is the true Antwerp carrier, which is comparatively rare.

The famous iron pillar of Delhi, India, rises twenty-two feet above the ground, and extends to an unknown depth, which a leading archaeologist has reported to be more than twenty-six feet, the total length being possibly sixty feet.

A married couple named Luxwolder van Dort has been celebrating the seventh anniversary of their marriage in Langezwang, Prussia. The husband is ninety-seven years of age and the wife is ninety-one. At the celebration the husband, who as well as his wife, is in good health, made a little speech, in which he told his guests that he and his wife had agreed to live to be a century old.

The number of bicycles in France last year was 1,350,000, or ten times more than in 1896. Roughly speaking, the number of bicycles has increased by 125,000 yearly for some years. The last census showed 6,000 automobiles, half of them with two places and the rest with four or more places. Bicycles and automobiles are most numerous in the Department of the Seine, especially around Paris, but they are plentiful in all north of France and down the valley of the Rhone and along the Mediterranean.

DAILY FASHION HINTS

LADIES' TUCKED WAIST.

Every day we find newer and prettier styles of the indispensable shirt-waist, and suitable to the season is the new advance style shown here. For the woman who has grown tired of heavy linen waists with tailored strappings and waitings this will be a pleasant surprise, for it is just what is needed for the hot days of July and August. The tiny graduated tucks in the waist are in sunburst effect, and the same idea is carried out in the sleeve. The pattern also includes the fanciful little stock that is shown in the illustration. Thin materials are especially suited to the mode, and China silk, Persian lawn, dimity, Swiss or pongee would make up satisfactorily.

By far the most interesting case in the Police Court yesterday morning was that of William Fox, charged with cursing and abusing S. E. Ford, a conductor of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company.

This is the technical charge, but Fox really held because the officer told him possibly they can connect him with that attempt to wreck a car near the baseball park Thursday night by putting dynamite on the rail. Fox, who is a former Delmonico Fox and a reputable expert in the blacksmith shop of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Company, stoutly denies all knowledge of the occurrence. So far the police detectives have been unable to show otherwise, and for that reason, and because they wanted more time, the case was continued until Thursday of next week.

Mrs. Fox, the mother of the young man, accompanied him to court and wept. The fourth bench, which was fixed at \$50. Mr. H. R. Pollard was his counsel. No evidence was heard yesterday. A gentleman quoted Ford as saying that when he ran to Fox, because he had been for some time in the spot of the explosion, with a view of finding out if he knew anything of it, Fox told him he had not heard the report.

Few believe Fox is guilty. But the police will endeavor to learn where he had been for half an hour preceding the explosion. He said he left Nolte's saloon about 9 o'clock, and was coming home down Broad Street. The explosion occurred about 9:35, and he was about thirty-five minutes. Fox is about twenty-five years old. He is of medium stature, and has a slight dark moustache.

RESCUED FROM SHIPWRECK.

The fourth instalment of "The Shipwreck of Alphonse, Gaston and their Friend Leon" will be given in The Sunday Times-Dispatch to-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of The Sunday Times-Dispatch will be one of the best yet printed. All the regular features up to the standard, and many new ones to entertain and instruct.

The Children's Page features in The Sunday Times-Dispatch to-morrow will be the best ever printed. Every boy and girl will be interested in the stories, letters, pictures and contests.

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MORE THAN DOUBLE SOUTHERN SHOPS

Big Plans Made by Officials of the Company at Spencer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., July 31.—After spending several days here, at Spencer, the Southern Railway officials, including General Manager Ackert, Messrs. Copeman, Higgins, Baker, Collins and others left yesterday for their respective posts of duty. As previously mentioned in the correspondence, the object of the visit of these gentlemen was to determine upon the plans for the enlargement of the Southern's shops at Spencer. The divisions of this system for several hundred miles north, east, south and west are dependent upon the shops at Spencer for repairs to rolling stock as well as for the manufacture of considerable machinery, and the increased demands have made it necessary to increase the capacity of the shops at that point. The plan will be more than a walk-through mission, says, and upwards of one thousand employees will be added. The pay-roll will be increased in proportion. Bids will be received on work and material within the next thirty days and it is expected that the ground will be broken at the expiration of that time.

Mr. William Hollobrough, who suddenly lost his mind while at church near this place, last Sunday, has been found and was placed in the Kewanee County Asylum for the insane.

A Miss Wood, of Illinois, was here today on her way from her former home in that State to Atlanta, Ga., where she expects to be cared for in the Masonic Home located at that place. Her traveling expenses, she says, have been met this far by the Masons living in the towns at which she has stopped from time to time. She claims to be the sister of the late Rev. M. L. Wood, of the Masonic Church, who was a well-known missionary to China, having died there several years ago.

While excavating for the building of the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company at Spencer a few days ago, workmen discovered a bronze key of very large dimensions, being much larger than any keys in use within the memory of the inhabitants of this part of the State. It is believed by some that the key, which is in perfect condition, was used in the time of the Revolution, when the British, or, for that matter, the Southern army, were in the place.

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The residence of Mr. T. J. Allison, of Statesville, was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon, during a severe wind storm which swept over Iredell county. A number of buildings were damaged by the wind and the cotton gin establishment of Morrow & Lentz, near Statesville, was blown down. Crops were also considerably damaged.

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